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REASONS FOR A CHANGE.

The Duke of Wellington is credited with the remark that a fool could place a million men in Hyde Park, London, but it would require a General to march them out. The colored children in the public schools in the District of Columbia, nearly 17,000 strong, are put there not by fools, but by honest and hard working parents with the hope that a General—not a Freak—would conduct them safely and thoroughly along the firing line of education. What blasted hope! Not since the day of George F. T. Cook and Winfield Scott Montgomery have the colored schools of the District of Columbia had a master mind at their head. An institution of learning of the capacity of the public school system for colored children has long passed the experimental point and requires a broad-gauge educator, without college frills or furbelows, as substitute for common sense. College education, when accompanied with mature judgment and practical experience, is a good companion, but when bereft of those essentials, is only a pleasing dream of departed days. The lack of cohesion between the present Head Master and his teaching force is in broad contrast with that of the administration of Cook and Montgomery. During the official life of those gentlemen as Head Master perfect harmony existed; confidence reigned supreme. No satellites were sent among the teaching force to create discord; no whispering corners breathing forth the superiority of the chosen few and discounting the brains of the many. Prior to the accidental incumbency of the present Head Master the children in the colored schools had no veneering education, but a solid-laid foundation upon which was built a lasting superstructure. The fancy and theoretical educational lines laid down by the present Head Master smacks of the cold trimmings left over from some trade-mark from either Harvard or Tuskegee, or both.

The deep interest we have in our schools, knowing them as we do from our early childhood, inspires us to champion their cause when we see them drifting from their safe moorings. The education of the negro boy and girl is too sacred a matter to be entrusted to inexperienced and immature experimentalists simply because they talk college. In this practical day those who are, numerically, in authority in the administration of school affairs owe it not only to themselves, but to the large number of colored citizens and taxpayers in the District of Columbia, that a thoroughly competent and practical man is placed in charge of their schools. The white schools have in Mr. A. T. Stuart a Head Master that any school system should be proud of. His breadth and depth as a gentleman and scholar are unmeasurable; his learning and integrity are companions—one of broad culture and the other unquestionable.

It is not to be expected for the colored, or any other schools, to get the duplicate of Mr. Stuart. "For nature made but one such man and broke the mould," etc. The colored people do ask, and will insist that their schools be made good public schools, and not a poor imitation of college. The school days of the negro boy and girl are by reason of poverty and combination of circumstances limited. Therefore it becomes a necessity to give them something educationally substantial, and not waste the few golden days in abstract deductions. There are

among the colored people broad-gauge men of sensible caliber, free from self-esteem and conceit and fully competent to direct the colored school on a safe and sane plan, even if they don't have college stamped upon the broadest part of their anatomy. And what reason can be given for not securing such a man?

MR. EVENS.

Dr. Bruce Even's Apology.
Dr. W. Bruce in an address before the parents and citizens at Israel Methodist Church, Monday night, said among other things the following:

Honest Efforts in School.
"This sweeping statement, so often heard, I desire to refute in the strongest possible terms, for the great majority of the children in Armstrong School, at least, are putting forth honest effort in every direction to repay the sacrifices made by poor, hard-working parents to send them to school.
"There is another danger which I wish to mention at this time. There are those among us who pretend to a kind of leadership who would not and do not hesitate to defame the good name of our public schools by covert attacks on the integrity and honesty of the members of our board of education, our superintendent and assistant superintendent and their subordinates. Have a care about accepting advice from such people! Their only hope and only thought is to gain a kind of cheap notoriety by forcing themselves in the most offensive way upon the parents and pupils of our system."

Assured of Square Deal.
"From Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the board of education; from Supt. A. T. Stuart, from Asst. Supt. R. C. Bruce and from their colleagues and subordinates, every parent and every child, no matter how humble might be the occupation or the social status, will get on all occasions and at all times a square deal."

The Bee is at a loss to know where Dr. A. Bruce Evens got all of this rot. To whom is he trying to cater? The Bee denies that the people or any one else in the colored race in this city ever condemned, abused or criticised any member of the Board of Education for not doing his or her duty. The colored people have the highest regard and respect for Captain Oyster, and no one knows this better than Dr. Bruce Evens. The colored people do respect Superintendent Stuart, and if they have criticised Assistant Superintendent Bruce, they have done so before his face and for a just reason. Can Dr. Bruce Evens say as much? No one has criticised Mr. Bruce any more than Dr. Evens, especially when he, Bruce, used certain parts of a letter written by Dr. Evens to Mr. Bruce. When Mr. Bruce reduced Prof. Storms, who criticised this act any more than Dr. Evens? In speaking of a "square deal," who has condemned the methods in the normal school any more than Dr. Evens? Just a few days ago he declared that he intended to clean out the entire normal school. Was a "square deal" being issued out when Dr. Evens made this declaration? The colored people have the highest respect for the Board of Education, and they certainly feel grateful to Captain Oyster and certain other members of the Board for what has been done for parents and children. The Bee would advise this disciple of industrial education to go slow.

IN HIS PRIME.

Commissioner Cuno Rudolph celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his birth. Mr. Rudolph is just in the prime of life, young, handsome and noble. He is a gentleman of fine parts, and the people wish for him fifty more successful years. There is no red tape strung across the door of Commissioner Rudolph. His private secretary, Mr. Hibbs, is a gentleman, and always greets the visitors of the distinguished Commissioner in a manner that makes them feel that Mr. Rudolph represents them in the affairs of our local government. He is no autocrat or bombast. He has a dignified and a reserved air that will make you feel that you are an American citizen. He doesn't have to puff like a steam engine going up a hill to cause the populace to look with fear. The Bee congratulates you, Mr. Rudolph, and may you live to a ripe old age.

OUR SCHOOLS AGAIN.

It makes but little difference how hard some of the members of the Board of Education work to bring the colored schools up to the standard of the white schools, a change must be made in several of the heads of the colored schools. There is too much favoritism and discrimination, which the present investigation will bring out. Who is to blame, is the question the Board of Education is now investigating.

Certainly the principal of the schools would not have made such a marking if they had not been

ordered to do so. Who ordered them is the question the Board should investigate, and if Mr. Stuart finds on investigation that any one higher in authority in the schools is guilty of fraud or wrong-doing, he should be dismissed at once.

TEACHERS' CONTEST.

The teachers' contest will close this evening at 7 o'clock. All votes must be in the hands of Miss G. B. Maxfield by 7 o'clock this evening. She will be at the office of the Bee until 7 o'clock to receive all votes, and at that hour sharp the polls will close. Voters are warned that no votes will be received for any one after the hour named above. Thus far Miss Mary E. Willson runs ahead, with Miss Beatriz L. Chase a close second, Miss Elfrida Kennedy third, and Mr. Robert Mattingly fourth. Up to the hour this paper went to press, hundreds of votes have come in for the respective contestants. The winner will be announced next Saturday.

KNOCKERS AND KICKERS.

What has become of the knockers and kickers? The Bee means those who wanted to control the anniversary of the freedom of the negroes. Where is Prof. (?) R. R. Wright and his cohorts? Why don't they come forward and denounce Congress for defeating the five thousand dollars appropriation for the use of the committee? The Bee knew the moment there was the least dissatisfaction there would be defeat somewhere. Dr. Washington was the first person to suggest the proposition of the idea of a celebration and the first man to be rebuked by a lot of disgruntlers.

MR. BIEBER.

What offence has Mr. Bieber committed that the Senate refuses to confirm him for the Collector of the Port of Georgetown? Mr. Bieber has had a hard time. He is an active Republican and rendered great assistance to the Republican party in the last campaign. The alleged charges against him were investigated and found to be untrue. Now, will men carry their personal grievances beyond reason and endurance? Mr. Bieber is competent and the Bee hopes that the President will appoint him.

SECRETARY NORTON.

The President's private secretary, Mr. Norton, is not only a polished gentleman, but a man who will win for the President a host of friends. What the President needs now are friends, and strong ones at that. Secretary Norton endeavors to cater to the people. He is not one of those bombastic aristocrats who imagine that he owns the world as well as the people. The President could not have made a better selection.

Government Jobs.

Persons who do not reside in Washington can form no adequate idea of the pressure brought to bear on Senators and Representatives for positions in the Government service. Men and women, young and old, troop to the Capitol every day with this refrain: "I want a job and I know you can get it for me if you only try."

As a matter of fact, it is an extremely difficult thing to secure positions in the service, now that civil service is the rule in all the executive departments. This, however, is an advantage rather than a disadvantage to the office seekers. Especially is this true of the men who make the applications, for when a man goes "into the Government" he practically condemns himself to amount to nothing for the rest of his life. There is scarcely an opportunity for any but the slowest promotion, and a Government clerk who gets more than \$1,500 a year is playing in fine luck.

To one young man who was anxious to get such a job a western representative once said:

"Young man, you will have more chance for a future if you go back home and maul rails. You might as well cast yourself into the sea with a millstone about your neck as to go into a Government department and expect to accomplish anything."

Nevertheless, it is hard to persuade the office hunters of this. They expect to have easy hours and a comparatively easy wage. They get this, but added to it is drudgery for life, a treadmill existence unlighted by the hope of achievement or fame. When they marry and rear families their former "easy wage" cannot keep them out of debt, and this once accumulated in Washington, remains.—From Popular Magazine.

The "Nigger" Who "Won't Work."

Our Tar Heel contemporary the Charlotte Observer says:

"It is rather surprising to learn from official estimates that in 1910 South Carolina's crops of cotton, corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, potatoes, hay and tobacco aggregated more than North Carolina's, although North Carolina led Virginia by not far from 50 per cent and Tennessee by a fair margin. In 1899 the two States stood: North Carolina, \$53,214,000; South Carolina, \$51,324,000. In 1909 the standing was: South Carolina, \$109,013,000; North Carolina, \$103,148,000."

South Carolina has an area considerably less than three-fifths as large as North Carolina's and a population little more than two-thirds as large. More-

Free Trips to Atlantic City

FOR THE

THREE MOST POPULAR SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Washington Bee has decided to provide three great prizes for the most popular teachers in the Washington Public Schools. The contest is open to either male or female.

Each week, until July 2d, inclusive, there will appear in The Bee a coupon, entitling the holder to one vote for any one of the Washington school or Howard University teachers. In addition, for every yearly subscription received from now to the close of the contest SIXTY VOTES will be allowed; for every six months' subscription, THIRTY VOTES, and for every three months' subscription, FIFTEEN VOTES.

THREE PRIZES

The teacher receiving the highest number of votes will be given a trip to Atlantic City for 30 days, with railroad fare and board paid.

The teacher receiving the next highest number of votes will be given a trip to Atlantic City for two weeks, with railroad fare and board paid.

The teacher receiving the third highest number of votes will be given a trip to Atlantic City for one week, with railroad fare and board paid.

CONTEST CLOSES JULY 2, 1910

This is a grand opportunity for teachers to have an enjoyable outing at the most popular summer resort in America absolutely free.

THIS IS THE GREATEST OFFER

Ever made by any race newspaper—three trips, with all expenses paid to Atlantic City.

GET BUSY NOW. GET YOUR FRIENDS BUSY

And you may secure one of these delightful trips offered by The Washington Bee, the leading race newspaper in Washington.

Each week, until the close of the contest, the following coupon will appear in THE BEE. Cut it out, fill in the name of your favorite teacher, and mail it in time to reach The Bee by Tuesday of the following week.

The Bee's Teachers' Contest Coupon

One vote for.....
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Teacher in the.....
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..... School
JUNE 25

REMEMBER

The contest is open for male or female, and that it will close July 2d, 1910. The three teachers receiving the highest number of votes will be allowed to take the trip any time in July or August.

Let the votes come thick and fast for the free trip to Atlantic City for the most popular School Teachers.

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over, of South Carolina's population nearly three-fifths are negroes, while North Carolina's negro population is in the proportion of slightly less than one-third. To be sure, North Carolina has much larger areas of mountain and coast land which have not yet been made productive, but, after all allowances, South Carolina's record remains the better.

"It behooves North Carolina farmers to catch the pace which South Carolina is setting."

The point of chief significance and interest in these figures is that South Carolina has a population three-fifths negro, North Carolina a negro population of less than one-third and Virginia a still smaller proportion; yet South Carolina leads her whiter sisters.

Many years ago two yellowed and anemic farmers sunned themselves upon a worm fence in Georgia and after a few hours communion with cornob pipes agreed that "the damned niggers" wouldn't work anyhow. Then they retreated to the house, drank mountain whiskey with fluency, and left their wives and children to do the chores. The "slogan" passed to Mississippi and became a thing to charm with. Now we are told that South Carolina, with its great percentage of negro population is a "banner producer" of crops.—New York Sun.

Class Day Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the eighth grade classes took place on the 22nd day of June at the following places: Those of the Tenth Division, Mr. J. C. Nalle, Supervising Principal, were held at Summer School. The exercises of the Eleventh Division, Miss M. P. Shadd, Supervising Principal, were held at the New Mott School. The Twelfth Division, Dr. W. S. Montgomery, Supervising Principal, held their exercises at the M Street High School, and the Thirteenth Division, Mr. J. W. Walker, Supervisor, were held at the M Street High School.

Never before was greater activity observed in the grades; the principals rallied around their supervisors, who vied with one another for the success of this new feature in these schools. All of them should be congratulated.

Class day exercises were held in several of the eighth grade class rooms this year by the pupils of those schools. Those at the Alfred Jones School and the New Mott were very successful and well attended.

Class day exercises at Alfred Jones School.

Program.

Class March (Original)..... Mary Logan
Gems..... The Class
Salutatory..... Consuelo Johnston
Class Poem..... Juanita Shaw
Class History..... Clyde Scott
Chorus..... "Love's Old Sweet Song"
Class Ode..... Theresa Woodley

Scene from the Merchant of Venice: Gertrude Henry, Consuelo Johnston, Louise Marshall, Jennie Primm, William Dean, Robert Sewall, Gustave Oger, Ruby Wood.

Instrumental Solo..... "Film"
..... Miriam Williams
Class Journal..... Helen Young
Class Prophecy..... Miriam Williams
Chorus..... "Alma Mater"
Class Giftatory..... Hilda Russell
Valedictory..... Gertrude Henry
Class Song..... Edith Stevenson
Class Will..... Louise Marshall

Class Officers: Louise Marshall, president; Juanita Shaw, first vice president; Miriam Williams, second vice president; Hilda Russell, secretary; Clyde Scott, treasurer.

Class colors, White, Green and Gold; class flower, Carnation.

Class roll, motto "Angelo"; Blanche Coleman, Cordelia Harris, Gertrude Henry, Emily High, Agnes Johnson, Consuelo Johnston, Mary Logan, Marie Love, Gertrude Lucas, Louise Marshall, Marie Moten, Lola Norman, Ruth Norman, Marie Plummer, Jennie Primm, Hilda Russell, Edith Stevenson, Juanita Shaw, Clyde Scott, Ruth Tapp, Miriam Williams, Theresa Woodley, Ruby Wood, Ethel Williams, Helen Young, William Bell, William Dean, William Henry, George Hanson, Gustave Oger, Pleasant Rucker, Robert Sewall.

Class song: To be sung to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Today marks the end of our first eight years of school.

We are going forth to conquer and to do the golden rule;
We are grieved to leave our teacher, we dislike to leave our school, But we must be marching on.

Chorus.
Glory, glory hallelujah! Etc.

This has been a year of pleasure, one of great endeavor too.
We studied our books, thoroughly, we know them through and through.

We mean to always conquer, to always dare and do,
As we are marching on.

This parting is not pleasant, yet our hearts are light and gay.
When we realize our teacher has prepared for us the way.

We'll always sing her praises, naught will e'er our song allay
As we are marching on.

Miss Mary Dickerson, of Eleventh street, left the city on Monday to attend the summer school at Michigan.

Election of Officers.

The Keystone Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Southern and Western Jurisdictions, met at its usual place of meeting, O Street armory, and elected the following named officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Lucindia Robinson, Royal Grand Matron; Mrs. Josephine Lancaster, Royal Grand Vice-Matron; Miss Bessie Smith, Royal Grand Secretary; Miss Rosetta King, Royal Grand Treasurer; A. Payne, Royal Grand Patron.

Mrs. S. Hopkins, Supreme Grand Matron of the Southern and Western Jurisdictions, was present and had the honor of installing the newly elected officers.

DR. SHEPARD.

The Bee will contain in a future issue the work of the great National Religious Training School of Durham, N. C. A full history of this school, with illustrations, will appear. Dr. Shepard, its president, deserves great credit for the work that he has accomplished. This school will be one of the greatest institutions in the South. In fact no other institution of its kind is now in existence.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs will hold its annual session in Louisville, Ky., July 11th to 16th, inclusive. Every effort is being put forth to make the coming meeting the most successful in the history of the association. Reduced rates have been secured on the certificate plan. Persons intending to be present should purchase straight tickets to Louisville, securing a certificate receipt which, when properly signed by the secretary of the association, will entitle the holder to one-half regular fare plus fifty cents for the return trip.

Stopping places have been secured where ample accommodations may be had at a uniform rate of \$1.00 per day, including board. Persons desiring such accommodations should apply to Mrs. M. E. Steward, 825 Eighth Street, Louisville, Ky.

First executive board meeting, Monday, July 11th, 10 o'clock, A. M. at C. M. E. Church.

Rev. Scott Dead.

Boston, Mass., June 28.
Rev. W. H. Scott, formerly of your city, died here to-day. He was a fearless race advocate and a man of many noble parts. His daughter was telegraphed for. She is in Washington.

Miss Scott, daughter of Rev. W. H. Scott, who has been living with the Misses Dickenson since a baby left for Boston, Mass., Tuesday morning. She was accompanied to the Union Station by Mr. Geo. Johnson and his little daughter. Miss Scott is bearing up well over the death of her father. She is an amiable young lady.

Have you a favorite teacher, vote for him or her.